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**UNDER 35 USC § 254 and 37 C.F.R. 1.322**

Sir:

Cisco Technology Inc, the Assignee of the above-identified patent, through its attorney, hereby petitions for issuance of a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent.

A Certificate of Correction (PTO form PTO/SB/44 - 2 pages) is enclosed. The Certificate of Correction is required to correct errors noted in the form.

It is noted that many of the errors noted in PTO/SB/44 occurred as a result of the purported non-entry status of the response dated May 15 2006. The response was expressly acknowledged in the notice of allowability dated September 2 2006, with the status of some of the claims being changed by Examiner amendment. The Patent Office somehow appears to have ignored the amendments in the response dated May 15 2006, while publishing the subject patent.

Thus, it is believed the errors occurred through the fault of the Patent Office. Accordingly, this Certificate of Correction should be issued without charge to Applicants.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Col. 4, Line 30, replace 1.00 PM with –11.00 PM–.

Col. 5, Line 22, replace “taniff” with –tariff–.

Col. 7, Line 51, replace “Tariffblock 460” with –Tariff block 460–.

Col. 8, Line 44, replace “output, signals” with –output signals–.

Col. 9, Line 42/43, replace “switching points, each of said plurality of switching points comprising a time point” with –time points–.

Col. 9, Lines 45, 54, 64 and Col. 10, Lines 4, 6, 21, 32, 43, 50, 52, 65, replace “switching” with –time–.

Col. 9, Line 49 and Col. 11, Line 2 and Col. 12, Line 7, replace “of switching points comprises a time point at which a tariff” with –of time points specifies a corresponding time instance at which a tariff–.

Col. 10, Line 18/19 and Col. 11, Line 35/36 replace “switching points, wherein each of said switching points comprises a time point” with –time points–.

Col. 10, Line 62/63, replace “switching points wherein each of said switching points comprises a time point” with –time points–.

Col. 10, Line 25/26, replace “each of said plurality of switching points comprises a time point” with –each of said plurality of time points specifies a corresponding time instance–.

Col. 11, Lines 7, 18, 25, 27, and Col. 12, Lines 2, 12, 22, 29, 31, replace “switching” with –time–.

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After Col. 12, Line 35, insert the following claims:

—41. The SSG of claim 31, wherein said outbound interface is coupled to a plurality of physical paths, wherein said forwarding block examines a header of each of said plurality of packets to determine the specific one of said plurality of physical paths on which to forward each packet, whereby said SSG operates as a switch in forwarding said packets.

42. The SSG of claim 41, wherein said forwarding block determines said specific one of said plurality of physical paths based on a destination address contained in said header, wherein said SSG operates a router.

43. The method of claim 1, wherein said SSG is coupled to a plurality of physical paths, said method further comprising: receiving a plurality of packets on said plurality of physical paths; examining a header of each of said plurality of paths to determine the specific one of said plurality of physical paths on which to forward the packet; and forwarding each of said plurality of packets on the determined one of said plurality of physical paths, whereby said SSG operates as a switch.—

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